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PROCEEDINGS

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Fifty-Ninth Session—December 16-22, 1874.

The Fifty-Ninth Session of the Mississippi Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, was begun and held in the town of Hazlehurst, Mississippi, December 16-22, 1874—Bishop Robert Paine presiding.

The presiding Bishop conducted the religious exercises at the opening, by reading Titus III, singing, hymn 595, and prayer.

The following clerical members were present during the session, their names being recorded according to the date of their admission, readmission or transfer into the Conference, to-wit:

CLERICAL MEMBERS PRESENT:

J. G. Jones, W. H. Watkins, A. Day, E. R. Strickland, H. J. Harris, J. Nicholson, J. L. Forsyth, H. H. Montgomery, J. B. Higginbotham, W. Wadsworth, R. A. Sibley, J. A. Godfrey, A. B. Nicholson, J. A. B. Jones, J. H. Shelton, W. B. Hines, E. A. Flowers, J. J. Clark, D. W. Dillehay, W. G. Millsaps, B. Jones, G. F. Thompson, H. P. Lewis, J. A. Vance, C. G. Andrews, W. B. Lewis, N. B. Young, P. S. Petty, L. Kendall, H. F. Johnson, E. H. Mounger, C. W. Campbell, I. B. Robertson, W. W. Hurst, D. Merchant, W. L. C. Hunnicutt, J. D. Hays, W. E. Ballard, F. W. Sharbrough, R. B. Downer, J. S. Harris, F. M. Williams, J. A. Ellis, W. E. M. Linfield, F. M. Featherstun, P. Howard, A. B. Stewart, L. P. Meador, A. M. Campbell, J. Shanks, J. C. Brogan, T. Y. Armstrong, W. H. Leith, J. M. Gann, C. B. Galloway, R. D. Norsworthy, E. F. Mullins, C. F. Gillespie, J. H. Evans, C. McDonald, L. Carley, U. B. Philips, P. A. Johnson, J. M. Weems, G. W. Chatfield R. Bradley, D. A. J. Parker, R. J. Jones, G. M. Gillmore, D. G, W.

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Ellis, J. H. Holland, T. B. Walden, H. R. Singleton, D. P. Bradford, J. W. Adkisson, J. J. Smylie, H. W. Featherstun, J. W. Sandell, W. C. Black, J. Bancroft, B. T. Pearson, T. Price, A. J. Coleman, C. J. Nugent, J. W. Ellison, J. B. K. Smith, J. W. McLaurin, T. S. West, C. C. Watkins.

Lay members from the several Districts were present and participated in the proceedings, as follows, to-wit:

LAY MEMBERS PRESENT:

W. Hoover, G. Nicholson, C. S. Stewart, T. J. Feazell, J. W. Wellborn, J. F. Enochs, W. Lum, J. G. Guice, S. L. Guice, J. Miller, T. W. Winstead, T. C. Tibbs, J. Williams, E. C. Postell, J. T. Cameron, W. L. Nugent, J. E. Jagers, T. White, W. Griffin, S. B. Watts, A. Taylor.

C. G. Andrews was elected Secretary; J. A. B. Jones, Assistant; John T. Cameron, Recording Secretary, and J. J. Smylie, Statistical Secretary.

The hours of 9 A. M. and 1 P. M., were fixed upon as the time of meeting and adjournment.

Committees upon the various interests of the Church were appointed, as follows, to-wit:

On Public Worship.—W. E. M. Linfield, W. E. Ballard and J. F. Enochs.

On Education.—J. W. Adkisson, W. Wadsworth, D. A. J. Parker, L. Kendall, A. M. Campbell, G. W. Chatfield, T. Price and E. C. Postell.

On Sunday Schools.—E. H. Mounger, J. W. McLaurin, C. B. Galloway, N. B. Young, J. Bancroft, J. Nicholson, L. P. Meador and Wm. Hoover.

On the State of the Church.—W. L. C. Hunnicut, R. D. Norseworthy, E. A. Flowers, U. B. Phillips, R. A. Sibley, D. A. Givens, D. P. Bradford and P. A. Johnson.

On the Bible Cause.—W. H. Leith, R. J. Jones, J. A. B. Jones, P. Howard, S. B. Watts, H. J. Harris and C. S. Stewart.

On Temperance.—I. Miller, D. W. Dillehay, J. H. Shelton, D. G. W. Ellis, J. E. Jagers, C. S. Stewart, A. Day and H. Moore.

On Religious Literature.—J. G. Jones, J. M. Weems, H. W. Featherston, J. M. Gann, L. Carley, J. Williams, R. B. Downer, E. R. Strickland.

Rev. L. Parker, D. D., editor of the *New Orleans Christian Advocate*, was present representing his paper and the New Orleans Book Depository.

Rev. Messrs. Walne, of the Baptist Church, and Church of the M. E. Church were introduced to the Conference.

Communications from the Publishing House at Nashville, from the New Orleans Depository, from the Secretary of the late General Conference, from the Missionary Secretaries, as also from the various institutions of learning within the bounds of the Conference were read and referred to appropriate committees.

Conference resolved to sit with open doors during the regular examination of character.

First Question.—Who are admitted on trial?

Answer.—Vernon H. Nelson, from the Yazoo City Station; Beverly Carradine, from Yazoo City Station; Thomas W. Adams, from the Sharon Circuit; Charles J. Phillips, from the Carthage Circuit; Joseph Q. Hicks, from the Sharon Circuit; Charles W. Reed, from the Fayette Circuit; John A. Guice, from the Fayette Circuit; Curtis D. Cecil, from the Natchez Station; Ruffin T. Davis, from the Bayou Sara Circuit: Richard F. Flowers, from the Crystal Springs Circuit; Elias Burkhalter, from the Marion and Toomsuba Circuit; William W. Hopper, from the Waynesboro' Circuit; Thomas Cotton, from the DeKalb Circuit; and George W. Davidson, in Elder's Orders, from the Chickasaha and Green Mission.

Second Question.—Who remain on trial?

Answer.—Daniel C. Langford, Thomas B. Holloman, Clarence A. Powell, Charles R. Benson, Duncan A. Little, Alexander L. McBride, passed and continued; Albert T. Tidwell, passed and required to be examined in all the course of the first year, except Discipline, Bible and Redford's History; Jno. W. Ritchey, and Lewis R. Featherstun, passed, and each required to bring up two years course at next Conference; Joseph W. Hall, passed and continued in the course of the first year.

Third Question.—Who are discontinued?

Answer.—None.

Fourth Question.—Who are admitted into full connection?

Answer.—John W. Ellison; Joseph B. K. Smith, in Deacon's Orders; James W. McLaurin; Thomas S. West, in Elder's Orders; Ralph Bradley and Calvin C. Watkins, each in Deacon's Orders.

Fifth Question.—Who are re-admitted?

Answer.—None.

Sixth Question.—Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

Answer.—Andrew J. Coleman, from the Alabama, and Clarence J. Nugent, from the North Mississippi Conference, each in Elder's Orders.

Seventh Question.—Who are the Deacons of one year?

Answer.—George M. Gillmore, Jacob H. Holland, James S. Parker.

Eighth Question.—What traveling preachers are elected Deacons?

Answer.—John W, Ellison, James W. McLaurin, Thomas B. Holloman.

Ninth Question.—What traveling preachers are ordained Deacons?

Answer.—Jno. W. Ellison, James W. McLaurin, Thomas B. Holloman.

Tenth Question.—What local preachers are elected Deacons?

Answer—Benj. L. Spruill, Henry A. Hendrixson, Archibald White, Wm. J. Ball, Robert W. Burton, William Nailor, (colored.)

Eleventh Question.—What local preachers are ordained Deacons?

Answer.—Henry A. Hendrixson, Archibald White, Wm. J. Ball, Robert W. Burton, Wm. Nailor, (colored.)

Twelfth Question.—What traveling preachers are elected Elders?

Answer.—Daniel G. W. Eilis, Thomas B. Walden, Hiram R. Singleton, Robert D. Norsworthy.

Thirteenth Question.—What travelling preachers are ordained Elders?

Answer.—D. G. W. Ellis, T. B. Walden. H. R. Singleton, R. D. Norsworthy.

Fourteenth Question.—What local preachers are elected Elders?

Answer.—John L. Vinson.

Fifteenth Questibn.—What local preachers are ordained Elders?

Answer.—John L. Vinson, Wm. Hoover.

Sixteenth Question.—Who have located this year?

Answer.—J. K. Hamblen, F. W. Sharbrough, S. R. Hyde, J. J. Clark, F. Walker. J. W. Adams, O. H. P. Davis, P. S. Petty, W. G. Millsaps, G. W. Chatfield.

Seventeenth Question.—Who are Supernumerary?

Answer.—A. J. Davis, G. T. Vickers, J. N. Williams, E. A. Flowers.

Eighteenth Question.—Who are Superannuated?

Answer.—A. Day, J. G. Jones, T. Clinton, B. Pipkin, J. B. Higinbotham, W. Finn, H. Copeland, L. Pearce, J. Long, W. McCormick, J. Mckay, J. Shanks, J. Nicholson.

Nineteenth Question.—What preachers have died during the year?

Answer.—None.

Twentieth Question.—Are all the preachers blameless in their lives and official administration?

Answer.—Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters were examined and passed.

Twenty-First Question.—What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Answer.—20,832. (See statistical tables, in this pamphlet.

Twenty-Second Question.—How many infants have been baptized during the year?

Answer.—884.

Twenty-Third Question.—How many adults have been baptized during the year?

Answer.—986.

Twenty-Fourth Question.—What is the number of Sunday Schools?

Answer.—180.

Twenty-Fifth Question.—What is the number of Sunday School Teachers?

Answer.—1,087.

Twenty-Sixth Question.—What is the number of Sunday School Scholars?

Answer.—6,583.

Twenty-Seventh Question.—What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?

Answer.—$5,000 00.

Twenty-Eighth Question.—What has been collected on the foregoing, and how has it been applied?

Answer.—$1,950. Applied as follows:

APPORTIONMENT OF FUNDS.

NAMES.	TO WHOM GIVEN.	AMOUNTS.
Mrs. Vernon Johnson,	P. A. Johnson,	$ 93 75
Mrs. Dawson	Dr. W. H. Watkins,	56 25
Mrs. Thompson and four children,	D. G. W. Ellis	131 25
Thomas Clinton and wife	W. E. Ballard	112 50
Mrs. D. Wiggins and child	H. H. Montgomery	93 75
Mrs. W. W. Drake and children	W. L. C. Hunnicutt	75 00
Mrs. Berry and children	J. W. Ritchey	75 00
Mrs. R. J. Jones and children	J. H. Holland	75 00
Jesse McKay and child	L. P. Meador	56 25
Mrs. L. R. Redding and children	W. E. Ballard	150 00
Mrs. L. Campbell	C. G. Andrews	75 00
Mrs. V. Cooper	H. F. Johnson	37 50
James Long and wife	J. H. Holland	93 75
J. B. Higginbotham	Self	75 00
Mrs. D. Johnson	J. G. Guice	18 75
Mrs. B. M. Drake	W. L. C. Hunnicutt	75 00
Mrs. Haney	Thomas Price	75 00
Mrs. Herbert	J. A. B. Jones	37 50
Wm. McConnell and wife	J. H. Holland	75 00
J. G. Jones and wife	Self	112 50

NAMES.	TO WHOM GIVEN.	AMOUNTS.
Mrs. Thomas Nixon	H. J. Harris	75 00
Wm. Finn and wife	W. H. Watkins	150 00
Robert Lambuth's child	W. E. Ballard	18 75
D. M. Wadsworth's daughter	Wm. Wadsworth	18 75
Peter Green's two children	J. W. Sandell	56 25
Bro. Sims' children	A. B. Nicholson	37 50
A. Day	Self	25 00

Twenty-Ninth Question.—What has been contributed for Missions?

Answer.—$1,940.

Thirtieth Question.—Where shall the next Conference be held?

Answer.—At Canton, Mississippi.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Committee to whom the interests of the Sunday School Cause, within the bounds of the Conference, were referred, have had the subject under consideration, and respectfully offer the following as the result of their deliberations:

Number of Sunday Schools	180
" Officers and Teachers	1,087
" Pupils	6,583
" Volumes in Library	16,126

Your Committee are fully persuaded that it is wholly unnecessary to discuss the vital importance of the Sunday School work.

All concede that a pastoral charge, without a well-organized Sunday School, is singularly and sadly deficient, and that a pastor who wilfully neglects to give personal attention to this vital department of evangelical effort, is guilty of a serious omission of positive duty. The ministerial office involves the idea of shepherd, and we hold that no shepherd deserves the name, who does not exercise constant and ever-wakeful care over the lambs of the flocks.

Hence, your Committee would suggest that no multiplication, and adjustment of mere Sunday School machinery, or punctuality of officers and teachers, can supply any lack of service on the part of the individual pastor in regard to Sunday Schools.

We are highly gratified to know that some of our Sunday Schools have been organized into efficient Missionary Societies, and we would respectfully, yet earnestly request all the pastors of our stations, and circuits, to see that all the Sunday Schools under their charge have a like organization, as both the law of the church and the pressing necessities of the missionary work, demand it.

Your Committee would also call the attention of the Conference to the existing disproportion between the number of Sunday School scholars in the bounds of the Conference, and the numerical strength of

our church membership generally; the former being 6,583, and the latter presenting an aggregate of 20,639, making an excess of church communicants 14,046.

The foregoing figures are suggestive, and should indeed awaken in the mind of the Conference and the church, serious and earnest inquiry.

We, therefore, deem it highly befitting, at this point, to request all the pastors and Sunday School workmen, to look well to this—the catechetical institution of the church, and to seek, with renewed fidelity and zeal, the enlargement and saving efficiency of the Sunday School interest within our bounds.

While your Committee do not regard it as their prerogative to prescribe a special, uniform plan upon which the devotional exercises of the Sunday School shall proceed, yet it may not be regarded improper for them to suggest that the alternate reading of the Sacred Scriptures, by the Superintendent and School—the repetition of the Lord's Prayer and Apostles Creed in concert, are productive of interest and profit.

In addition to the foregoing, your Committee respectfully submit the following resolutions:

Resolved 1, That we seek to secure the increased circulation of our Sunday School literature, as recommended and endorsed by the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

Resolved 2, That we give unremitting diligence and care to all the departments of Sunday School work, and seek the conversion and salvation of the children and youth committed to our care.

J. BANCROFT, Secretary.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BIBLE CAUSE.

To the Bishop and Members of the Mississippi Conference:

Your Committee on the Bible Cause regret that their report is meagre, and void of items that should be presented. We have had no communication from the South-western Bible Society, with which we, as a Conference, are and have been identified. Neither have we had any reports from the preachers as to their operations in behalf of this great enterprise. Brother J. W. Welborne, a local preacher, reports ONE DOLLAR as his annual contribution to this good cause.

We are pained to see that there is such lethargy on this subject, and are constrained to say that we apprehend that the blame rests not only upon the people, but upon the management of the South-western Bible Society. We feel that it is due this Conference, while our co-operation is expected, that the Society should place before the Confeaence a statement of the operations for the year, and should communicate with us on the general interests of the Bible Cause. For want of these, your Committee have no means of information. We are sure there is great

need even in this favored country for the circulation of the Bible, and we recommend that all our preachers do all they can to circulate the Holy Scriptures broadcast on the land.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. Leith, Chairman.

H. J. Harris, Secretary.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The Committee appointed to review the educational interests of the church within the bounds of the Mississippi Conference, beg leave to submit the following report:

We are gratified to be able to report growing interest and prosperity in our educational work.

There are, within our limits, five Schools and Colleges that come properly under the auspices of the Mississippi Conference.

Last year we were competent to report only three of these institutions in operation; this year we report four of the five in a prosperous condition.

Last year it was recommended by the Conference to establish in every district at least one school for boys and girls. In answer to this recommendation, the Jackson District Conference has established a High School at Canton, Mississippi, which promises to be prosperous and useful to the church in this part of the Conference. We are informed that the Summit and Seashore District Conferences have taken initiatory steps to the same end. There is also a school at Scotland, within the bounds and under the supervision of the Brandon District Conference, serving a good purpose to the church in that region.

Our established Schools and Colleges of the Conference supercede the necessity of district schools in the Vicksburg, Brookhaven, Woodville and Meridian Districts. There are, then, only two districts within the bounds of the Conference not supplied with acceptable educational facilities within their circuits.

In this connection, we recommend that the Seashore and Summit Districts, at their next Sessions of Conferences, urge the prosecution of the plans they have already inaugurated for schools within their bounds. Then our desires shall have been achieved, and we shall have at least one school within the limits of every district of the Conference.

Local pride and convenience have their bearing in all the various complications of social, civil and religious affairs. It should be the aim of the church to awaken in the minds of the people at large a lively interest in all her educational responsibilities. There is probably no system that would so readily and effectually bring about this result as that which operates through the immediate interests and conveniences of different localities, and just such a system is being inaugu

rated and operated by our present work of establishing schools under our own auspices in all the various communities of our Conference territory.

Education in a measure, causes individuals and communities to see and feel the need of it to a higher degree, and this want once seen and felt on the part of our people at large, will lead them to appreciate more highly and to co-operate more freely and generally in the great educational work of the church, and this co-operation on the part of the church in common will ensure success and prosperity.

Too much commonness and contracted centralization are extremes that ought to be avoided in every enterprise, and we would do well to equalize the centripetal and centrifugal attractions in our work of education, so that the system we put in motion may be neither restrained nor distracted. This harmony of system well managed, we regard as being the work to which our attention should be more immediately directed.

We deem it unnecessary to embody in this report any extended remarks upon the *theory* of christian education. That all proper education is adjustment of mind and heart to truth—that our institutions of learning ought to be strong agences in the great work of evangelizing the world—that the faculties of the mind must not only be expanded, but led to drink from the fountains of heavenly truth, and become adjustable by divine grace to the purest and most exalted theories of the Gospel, are subjects of our profound belief, the truth of which, we do not pause to question. Upon this point neither instruction nor exhortation is wanting. We have enough of theory upon this great subject. Practical movement is demanded, and to this we would more particularly urge the intelligence, energy and zeal of the people and the church.

The present is an age of progress. Promptitude and vigor of achievement, upon close and ready thought, are lines boldly drawn upon the intellectual and practical displays of the present generation. The enemies of pure christianity, and the friends of error, are not slow to breathe the spirit of the age. The time has come when, in the propagation and defense of divine truth, cultivated intellect must meet intellect—cultivated knowledge must meet knowledge, and the children of the church must be educated by us sufficient for these emergencies. Our *theories* are right; our system is good. It remains for us only to labor, live and prosper in the prosecution of our aims.

The reports that have passed into the hands of the Committee from our schools and colleges, have been attentively heard and carefully considered.

From these, and from facts gathered otherwise, we are prepared to render the following allusions:

CENTENARY COLLEGE.

This is a Male College of high grade, owned and supervised by the Louisiana and Mississippi Conferences. The patronage has been good

during the past year, and the government and inside workings of the College have been highly satisfactory. A considerable sum has been collected and expended lately for repairs and other purposes, exclusive of the receipts for tuition. The faculty is fully competent to meet all reasonable demands, and are united in a conscientious purpose of discharging duty in their respective spheres. The discipline is excellent, the course of instruction is thorough, and the class drill closely exact. The Board of Trustees have inaugurated a system of endowment which promises to be a success. We recommend that Rev. C. G. Andrews be continued President.

WHITWORTH FEMALE COLLEGE.

This youthful and prosperous institution, under the presidency of Rev. H. F. Johnson, is located at Brookhaven, Miss. The patronage of the past year has been gratifying to the President and Faculty, and the friends of the college generally.

The buildings and premises have been thoroughly repaired during the year. The energy and enterprise of the President in this, we trust will be duly appreciated by the church. This College promises great and continued usefulness to the Church and certainly deserves a liberal share of its patronage. It is recommended that Rev. H. F. Johnson be continued as President of the College, and that he be authorized to raise an endowment for it in accordance with a plan approved by the Board of Trustees.

EAST MISSISSIPPI FEMALE COLLEGE.

During the last year, the East Mississippi Female College has grown and prospered. This is a new enterprise. The character of the works accomplished in the College has rendered both satisfaction and delight to the friends and patrons of the school generally. The impression made upon the public mind has been extended and improved. The patronage has increased until the capacity of the building is filled. During the past year the agent has succeeded in relieving the College largely of its liabilities, and it is expected that additions and improvements will be made to the buildings and premises within the next year. This young institution promises much good to the Church in East Mississippi, and deserves the fostering csre of the Church. The Board of Trustees request that Rev. J. W. Adkisson be retained as President, and Rev. J. A. Ellis continued Agent.

PORT GIBSON COLLGIATE ACADEMY.

This Academy is under the presidency of Rev. J. A. B. Jones, and located in the town of Port Gibson, Mississippi. The buildings are roomy and substantial, and we are pleased to learn that this valuable property is being used to promote the educational interest of the Church. We recommend that Rev. J. A. B. Jones be appointed to the Port Gibson Collegiate Academy.

SHARON FEMALE COLLEGE.

This property is owned and controlled by the Conference. The school has been discontinued, and the property has been unprofitable to the Church this year. It is suggested that the property be used or disposed of in such a way as to make it profitable.

Reports from the Canton High School, Millwood Female Institute, and Scotland High School have been read in our presence, of which we would make respectful notice as doing good and appropriate work in their respective localities.

In view of the facts and interests herein mentioned, and at the conclusion of this report, we submit the following resolutions for adoption:

Resolved, 1*st*, That we are more than ever before convinced of the propriety and necessity of the dissemination of sanctified learning among the people, and that we will continue to support and patronize our own schools and Colleges.

Resolved 2*nd*. That we recommend to the Board of Trustees of Sharon Female College, that they transfer this property to the control and care of the Jackson District Conference to be utilized at the discretion of that Conference.

Resolved 3*d*, That in view of bringing the subject of education more prominently before the people, that we recommend that during the month of next May this subject be brought before our various congregations in such way as pastors may think best, and that on these occasions and at the discretion of our ministers in charge, collections be made in every congregation to assist in the payment of tuition of candidates for the ministry within our bounds, and attending our Colleges, and that the funds so collected be transmitted at once to the Treasurer of the Ministerial Aid Association.

J. W. Adkisson, Chairman.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Your committee on Religious Literature beg leave to report: We presume that no member of our Conference is ignorant of the fact that most incalculable good has resulted to the cause of Christ from our Methodist literature; and we presume furthermore, that no one of us is sufficiently ignorant of the standards of our literature, to necessitate an allusion to them here. To our periodical literature, however, we beg the privilege of alluding.

1. We unhesitatingly pronounce the New Orleans Christian Advocate, our own Conference organ, second to none, if it is not the best religious journal for the family, within our knowledge. We most heartily commend its worthy publisher and talented editor. We most especially commend Dr. Parker the editor, for his able and fearless defence of the truth as it is in Jesus, and for the general editorial conduct of the Advocate.

2. Next in importance to us, is our general organ, the Nashville Chris-

tian Advocate. This journal is well nigh indispensable to every preacher and official layman.

3. We recognize the necessity of a literary journal of an elevated character for our preachers and many of our laymen, the Southern Review, edited by the Rev. A. T. Bledsoe, L.L.D., supplies this desideratum.

4. Of "Our Missionary" and the Sunday School periodicals, we say nothing, leaving them to their respective committees.

5. Two years ago our Conference requested our beloved brother, the Rev. John G. Jones, to write a history of our Conference. He will soon have two volumes ready for the press; but he is himself unable to publish them. We asked him to write, and it now becomes our duty to publish, besides which, all of us would be glad to read it. We urge the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the Rev. Drs. W. H. Watkins and C. G. Andrews, and the Rev. H. F. Johnson, be appointed a committee, who shall confer with brother Jones, and get the History of Methodism in Mississippi published as soon as practicable, at our own Publishing House, if possible; if not, elsewhere, and from the proceeds, if there be any, above the expense of publishing, remunerate the author as they deem just.

Resolved, That all of our preachers be earnestly solicited and expected to co-operate as best they can in this work.

Resolved, That on account of the superior value of the New Orleans Christian Advocate, and from the fact that it is our own Conference organ, it becomes our first duty, in circulating Religious Literature, to present the claims of this journal.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Walter Featherstun, Secretary.

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REPORT OF JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

To the Bishop and Members of the Mississippi Conference:

The Joint Board of Finance beg leave respectfully to report, that to meet the claims of the Bishops, we require $880, of which $30 is needed to cover traveling expenses. Our receipts on this account with the surplus of last year brought forward, amount to $1317 15. After making full settlement with our presiding Bishop, there remain in our hands on this account $437 15, which we recommend should be turned over to the Bishop, to make good in part the deficiencies now existing in the salaries due our Superintendents.

We estimate the amount necessary to meet the claims on the Conference fund at $5,000, and have only realized for apportionment $1,950. The amount called for, was in excess of the actual amount indispensably necessary, and beyond the ability of our people in their

impoverished condition. We estimate the amounts necessary to meet the claims upon this Conference during the ensuing year, for the Conference fund $2,600, and for the Bishops fund, $1,000, and distribute the same among the several Districts, as follows:

ASSESSMENT OF THE SEVERAL DISTRICTS:

Districts.	*Bishops' Fund.*	*Conference Fund.*
Vicksburg	$195	$500
Jackson	185	475
Brandon	100	225
Brookhaven	140	500
Woodville	120	365
Seashore	65	160
Meridian	120	300
Summit	75	175
Total	$1,000	$2,600

We think we can see a marked improvement in the disposition of our people to support their preachers, and suggest that this disposition be encouraged by frequent pastoral visitations, as the term was understood by our Fathers. If to this essential thing be added, consecration to the cause of Christ, and a deep personal piety, the result could not but be extremely satisfactory. We are of the opinion that a pious, faithful pastor can generally rely upon those to whom he dispenses the Word of Life for a support, and recommend that our Lay Brethren be put to this one test. To expect a support, our ministers must deserve it; and to deserve it, they must come up to the standard prescribed by our Discipline.

Our church requires instruction in the great duty of systematic benevolence, and the young especially should be trained to give, and give regularly. We think the great fault among our people is, their indisposition to give of their substance, to the support of the Gospel. How to cure this malady, is a question which can only be solved by the united action of the preachers and people. The manner of raising the allowances to the Presiding Elders and Preachers appropriately belongs to the several churches and church conferences, and we think should be left to them as a pure domestic matter, in which they should be left wholly untramelled. It is fortunate that this balance of power rests with our people. We think that they should also be left to determine the mode of raising the assessments on account of the Conference fund. The plan of devolving upon the Presiding Elders the duty of raising the amounts assessed for the support of our Bishops, has proven so successful in its practical operation, that we recommend its continuance.

Respectfully submitted,

B. JONES, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

The committee to whom the cause of Temperance was referred, beg leave to submit the following report:

Whereas, in many places our own membership do not fully understand the requirements of our law, on the subject of Temperance, as laid down in our Book of Discipine, therefore,

Resolved, That the ministers and pastors of the several charges are hereby recommended to bring the subject of Temperance before their congregations by reading and commenting on the Temperance clause, in our Discipline, also, by calling attention to the construction of the law as set forth by our College of Bishops.

Resolved, That inasmuch as the New Testament scriptures by their teaching forbid the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, we urge upon our members the great necessity of abstaining entirely from their use, believing the only safe rule to be "*touch not, taste not, handle not.*"

Resolved, That we earnestly and cordially ask the co-operation of all our membership, especially the female portion, in forwarding the great and vital cause of Temperance. All of which is respectfully submited.

IRVIN MILLER, Chairman.

J. E. JAGERS, Secretary.

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When the roll of Superannuated Ministers was called, Rev. John G. Jones, by request, addressed the Conference, repeating many incidents of personal history, in fifty years itinerant service and re-affirming his confidence in, and devotion to the Church of his Fathers.

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The Board of Missions offer the following as its fourth annual report to the Mississippi Conference:

The Methodiet Episcopal Church, South, has had a foreign mission established at Shanghai, China, for more than twenty years. Only two laborers are now in that field, Rev. Young J. Allen of the Georgia Conference, and Rev. J. W. Lambuth, of the Mississippi Conference. Brother Allen is acting as Government Translator, and is also editor of a Magazine of the highest style of Christian Literature, which has a wide and increasing circulation, and through which he is exercising an extensive and powerful influence for good among the millions of China and Japan. The Emperor of Japan and his Cabinet are subscribers for Brother Allen's Magazine.

Brother Lambuth has for many years been laboring in that field, assisted by his faithful and self-sacrificing wife. He preaches and teaches, and distributes tracts and other religious literature. He is now assisted by three Native missionaries, Brother Doan, (C. K.

Marshall,) stationed at Soochow, Brother Kinsan, recently at Shanghai, and Brother Taee, stationed at Changchow.

We have also a foreign mission recently established in Mexico, managed by Brothers S. Hernandez and Joel T. Davies, assisted by an increasing band of native helpers. Mexico has become weary of the yoke of Popish superstition and tyranny, and yearns to throw it off, that she may enjoy the light, liberty and glory of Protestant Christianity.

Our Church has also a very interesting missionary work going on among the Indians of America. The Choctaws, Chickasaws, Creeks and Cherokees are being brought under the influence of Christianity by the ministers of our Church. We have twelve white, sixteen native and four colored preachers among them. The recent determination of the United States Government to extend the courts, laws and other agencies of civilized government over the Indian tribes, will, we hope, accomplish more in a short time toward their advancement in Christian civilization, than every other agency has accomplished in the last twenty years.

We have also interesting missions among the Germans in Louisiana and elsewhere. Two newspapers are published in the German language for the benefit of those who do not speak English.

Large sums of money have also have been paid by the Board at Nashville in aid of destitute portions of the Western Conference and the Los Angelos Conference.

Appropriations amounting to $1,200 were made a year ago to *nine* missions within the bounds of this Conference. Several other missions have been served to which no appropriations were made.

Upon reviewing the work at the close of the year the Board finds that the missionaries have, without exception, labored faithfully and successfully in the several fields assigned them. They have gone forth certainly under the inspiration of the hope of a higher reward than the meager sums the Board had conditionally promised them, and have done noble work for God and the Church. They have penetrated into the regions of darkness, opened new fields of labor, enlarged the borders of our Zion and won souls to Christ. Several of these Missions will, we hope, at no distant day become self-supporting charges. None of the members of this Confererence have occupied more useful, certainly none more necessitous, fields than have our missionaries. None have made greater sacrifices or showed more self-denial than they. They deserve honorable mention for their work's sake. They are John W. Sandell, P. S. Petty, Lyman Carley, G. W. Davidson, Alexander McBride, S. R. Hyde, E. R. Strickland, C. F. Gillespie, A. B. Nicholson, V. Hicks Nelson, J S. Harris, and P. H. Wimbush, the last three having no appropriations made in behalf of their missions.

The amount raised for missions during this year is $1,940 00. After paying 40 per cent of this amount to the Board at Nashville we shall have $1,164 24, left to distribute among our home missionaries, which will enable us to pay their drafts without discount for the first

time in the history of this Board, if not in the history of the Conference. Your Board feel exceedingly gratified at so happy an occurrence just at the conclusion of their term of office, and of the existence of this Board, which now ceases to exist, and is to be succeeded according to the action of the late General Confererence by a new Board possessing larger powers and we hope destined to greater usefulness.

In order to facilitate the organization of the new Board, we have thought it not amiss to offer for adoption the following Constitution for the Board of Missions.

In accordance with the order of our late General Conference, the Mississippi Conference adopt the following Constitution for its Board of Missions, viz:

ARTICLE I. This Board shall be known as the Board of Missions of the Mississippi Conference.

ARTICLE II. The Board shall consist of all the Presiding Elders and one minister and one laymen from each Presiding Elder's district, to be elected every four years by the Conference.

ARTICLE III. The Board shall elect a President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, quadreninally.

ARTICLE IV. The President shall call the meeting of the Board during the session of the annual Conference, and preside over them.

ARTICLE V. The Secretary shall keep a record of the doings of the Board, shall make its annual report to the Conference, and shall receive and take an account of all moneys contributed for domestic missions and transfer the same to the Treasurer and take his receipt therefor in a book.

ARTICLE VI. The Treasurer shall take charge of all moneys and other property of the Board, and disburse the same upon orders of the Board signed by the Secretary and countersigned by the President.

ARTICLE VII. The Board may fill vacancies in its body.

ARTICLE VIII. Ten members shall constitute a quorum for transacting business.

ARTICLE IX. The Board shall exercise all the powers conferred by the law of our Church on Boards of Domestic Miscions.

W. L. C. HUNNICUTT, Secretary.

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ASSESSMENTS FOR MISSIONS.

DISTRICT.	FOREIGN.	DOMESTIC.
Vicksburg	$425	$500
Jackson	450	540
Brandon	300	360
Brookhaven	375	450
Woodville	325	390
Seashore	150	180
Meridian	325	400
Summit	200	200
Total	$2,550	$3,060

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The Committee who were appointed to consider the state of the church offer the following report:

Any view of our ecclesiastical condition which should ignore or disregard the peculiar infelicities of our political status would be unjust alike to the ministry and laity of our church. We live under governmental oppression grievous to be borne, amid financial disasters and pecuniary dearth, and groan beneath a burden of taxation which paralyzes our energies and exhausts our resources. Yet our people have not abandoned the work of the Lord, but in spite of all hindrances, have done nobly in this cause.

We are exceedingly gratified, in surveying the fields occupied by our laborers, to find so many indications of the blessings of God upon the work of our ministry, and of healthy growth in almost every department of that church in which, under God, we are privileged to live and labor. Notwithstanding the scarcity of money, our ministers have in most instances been well and cheerfully supported; contributions for the widows, orphans and superannuated preachers have increased; our missionary collections are larger than they were last year; and our Sunday Schools, which have long been a beauty and a glory in the church, have not only well sustained their former promise, but have in many places organized juvenile missionary societies, which are rivaling or outstripping the churches in missionary contributions.

The additions to our membership during the year amount to nearly three thousand, while the sum total of members in the Mississippi Conference exceeds twenty thousand souls. Nearly a thousand infants have been baptized by our ministers during the year, to be trained up in the way they should go. Our missionaries have, without exception, faithfully performed the work assigned them, some of them without even the hope of any other pecuniary reward than the pittance they might receive from the poor among whom they labored, and all of them for salaries too small to support any man's energies unless supplemented by the hope of a heavenly inheritance.

Not a minister has been called by death from our ranks during the year, while the death rate among our membership has been less than the lowest estimate for lives carefully selected between those ages least subject to mortality.

The spiritual state of the church seems to be almost everywhere improved or improving. Class meetings and prayer meetings are better attended, family prayers and home religion are reviving in many places, and the members of the church are bringing themselves into stricter obedience to all her laws.

Our female members are taking unusually active interest in the welfare of the church, and are doing many things greatly promotive of its prosperity.

That there are localities within our bounds where these cheering in-

dications are not to be found, is doubtless true, and will no doubt continue to be true while the church remains in her militant state. But that there are many places in which they are to be seen should be cause of profoundest gratitude in all our hearts.

The strength of our itinerant army is being replenished each year, in answer to our prayers, by the addition of a goodly number of young men of more than ordinary promise. Thus God gives us, in many ways, indications of his favor and blessing. Health and peace have been in all our borders.

By these and many other tokens of good, in these trying and troublous times, we as ministers are enabled to heed the exhortation of the prophet, which says to us: "Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God."

Let it be our one work to preach scriptural holiness through these lands, and to exhort especially our young members not to rest satisfied short of a comforting assurance of pardoned sin and a well-grounded hope of heaven.

In view of the foregoing and many similar facts, be it

Resolved, That we call upon our people to unite with us in offering up most sincere, humble and devout thanks and praise to the great Head of the church for the many indications of his favoring providence which we have enjoyed, and especially for that measure of success which has attended the gospel of his grace as administered by us.

Resolved, That while we would not be unduly elated by past success—while we would not be high-minded, but fear—we would gather hope, courage and confidence for future conflicts with the powers of darkness from the assurances of Heaven's approval and aid vouchsafed to us during the year that now draws to its close.

W. L. C. HUNNICUTT, Chairman.

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TITLES TO CHURCH PROPERTY.

Resolved, That the attention of the Presiding Elders of this Conference, be called tot he unsettled condition of the titles to Church property in many instances, and that they he instructed to do all in their power to have such titles perfected.

S. B. WATTS,
W. L. NUGENT,
J. A. GODFREY.

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COMMITEES OF EXAMINATION.

Eor Admission on Trial.—J. A. Godfrey, J. T. Heard and J. L. Forsyth.

For the First Year.—J. A. B. Jones, W. B. Lewis, and W. B. Hines.

For the Second Year.—H. F. Johnson, W. H. Watkins, and W. C. Black.

For the Third Year.—B. Jones, W. H. Leith, and E. H. Mounger.

For the Fourth Year.—W. L. C. Hunnicutt, J. Bancroft, and R. J. Jones.

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VISITING COMMITTEES.

Centenary College.—W. L. C. Hunnicutt, J. Bancroft, and E. H. Mounger.

Whitworth Female College.—W. E. Ballard, C. J. Nugent, and C. B. Galloway.

Port Gibson Collegiate Academy.—W. H. Watkins, J. L. Forsyth, and H. R. Singleton.

East Mississippi College.—W. H. Leith, U. B. Philips, and T. S. West.

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JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

R. D. Norsworthy, W. L. Nugent, W. B. Lewis, S. L. Guice, A. M. Campbell, L. K. Barber, Henry P. Lewis, G. Nicholson, W. E. Ballard, I. V. Enochs, W. W. Hurst, W. M. Thornton, D. G. W. Ellis, T. P. Bell, L. Kendall, Enoch Enochs.

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TEMPERANCE RULE.

The vote on the change of the General Rule on Temperance, submitted by the General Conference, was taken on Saturday of the Session, at 11 30 A. M., and resulted as follows viz:

For Concurrence,	Clerical,	26
" "	Lay,	4
Total Concurrence,		30
Non Concurrence,	Clerical,	61
"	Lay,	14
Total Non-concurrence,		75

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SEMI-CENTENNIAL SERMON.

The following was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That our venerable and beloved brother, Rev. John G. Jones, be requested to deliver a sermon on the Conference floor, at the next session, connected with his semi-centennial experience as a member of the Mississippi Conference, at such time as may be selected.

SABBATH SCHOOL MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

Resolved, That the Superintendents of the various Sabbath Schools within the bounds of this Conference be and they are hereby earnestly recommended to establish in, and as part of the Sabbath School machinery, Sunday School Missionary Societies, to be associated together as a Missionary Union of this Conference, with proper officers.

Resolved, That said Union when established shall, through the President, Secretary and Treasurer thereof, make annual reports to this Conference, and be allowed to designate, subject to the approval of the Conference, the objects to which their missionary contributions shall be applied.

W. L. NUGENT.

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AMENDMENT TO THE REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Resolved, That the members of this Conference, Ministerial and Lay, be requested to raise at an early day, each from ten to twenty-five dollars, or as much as they can to secure the publication of the Rev. John G. Jones' History of Methodism in Mississippi, now ready for publication, and that the subscribers thereof have copies of said work equal to the amounts subscribed to be distributed among them by the brother taking the subscription.

W. L. C. HUNNICUTT,
S. L. GUICE.

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EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY.

Whereas, we have learned with sorrow of the sad affliction of Rev. Thomas Clinton and wife, in the death, by murder, of their son James Clinton, a christian gentleman, on last Friday night, therefore,

Resolved, That the Bishop and Members of this Conference, in the closing prayer do implore the grace of God to be given to these aged servants of God, that they may be sustained in this sad affliction.

J. NICHOLSON.

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RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

Resolved, That the thanks of the members of the Mississippi Annual Conference assembled in Hazlehurst, are due, and are hereby tendered to our beloved Bishop Robert Paine, for the uniform courtesy, urbanity and promptitude evinced by him toward us, and that we ever pray that God may sustain and protect him and his, while dwelling on earth.

Resolved, That our thanks be extended to the generous and hospitable citizens of Hazlehurst for their abundant liberality and kindness.

Resolved, That the various Superintendents and conductors of the

Vicksburg and Meridian, New Orleans, St. Louis and Chicago, Mobile and Ohio Railroads, and the steamers W. S. Pike, R. E. Lee, and Natchez, deserve and are hereby tendered the thanks of this Conference for favors shown.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Conference be extended to Rev. W. E. M. Linfield for his promptitude and efficiency, also, to our Secretaries, and to the editor of the New Orleans Christian Advocate, for the continued exhibition of his love for the Church.

Resolved, That the papers of this place and others of the State friendly, be requested to publish the above resolutions.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are due, and are hereby tendered to Brother H. J. Harris, reporter, and to the proprietor of the "Copiahan" for furnishing daily to the members of the Conference the proceedings of the body.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are due, and are hereby tendered to the Session of the Presbyterian Church, and the Pastor of the Baptist Church, in this place, for their courtesy in tendering the use of their respective houses of worship for the use of the Conference.

Resolved, That thanks are due and returned to the officers in charge thereof, for the use of the Court room for sessions of Conference.

Resolved, That we do most heartily appreciate the efforts of the committee of arrangements to entertain the members of this Conference, and we will ever most gratefully remember the kind offices of these brethren.

S. B. Watts,
W. B. Hines.

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APPOINTMENTS.

Jackson District—W. E. M. Linfield, Presiding Elder.
Jackson Station—Charles B. Galloway.
Brownsville Circuit—F. M. Williams.
Vernon Mission—Beverly Carradine.
Madison Circuit—W. C. Black.
Canton Station—Ransom J. Jones.
Sharon Circuit—Thomas B. Holloman.
Camden and Soule Chapel—Ralph Bradley, A. Y. Davis supernumerary.
Thomastown Circuit—Clarence A. Powell, and John W. Hall.
Carthage Circuit—Levi P. Meador, and Joseph W. Hall.
Dover Circuit—David W. Dillehay.
Yazoo Circuit—James H. Shelton.
Yazoo City Station—Robert D. Norsworthy.
Silver Creek Circuit—V. Hicks Nelson.
Missionary to China—James W. Lambuth.
Special Agent of Publishing House—Richard Abbey.

VICKSBURG DISTRICT—F. M. Featherstun, Presiding Elder.
Vicksburg Station—Josiah Bancroft.
Grove Street—Albert T. Tidwell.
North Warren—George M. Gilmore.
Mill Dale and Cane Ridge—L. R. Featherstun.
Sunflower Mission—James S. Harris.
South Warren—John W. Ellison.
Cayuga Circuit—Daniel A. J. Parker.
Rocky Springs Circuit—John A. B. Jones.
Port Gibson Station—Edwin H. Mounger.
Fayette Circuit—William B. Lewis and Joseph Q. Hicks.
Natchez Station—William L. C. Hunnicutt.
Kingston Circuit—Richard F. Flowers.
Clover Hill Circuit—Thomas B. Walden.
Mt. Olivet Circuit—Andrew B. Stewart.
Rolling Fork Circuit—H Walter Featherstun.
Port Gibson Collegiate Academy—J. A. B. Jones, President.

WOODVILLE DISTRICT—C. Green Andrews, Presiding Elder.
Woodville Station—William H. Watkins.
Buffalo Circuit—James S. Parker.
Bayou Sara Circuit—Calvin C. Watkins.
Wilkinson Circuit—Daniel C. Langford.
Jackson, La., and Pipkins Chapel—James L. Forsyth.
East Feliciana Circuit—James A. Godfrey.
Clinton, La., Station—Alexander M. Campbell.
Centenary College—C. Green Andrews, President.

SUMMIT DISTRICT—A B. Nicholson, Presiding Elder.
Summit Circuit—Ira B. Robertson.
Magnolia Circuit—Henry P. Lewis.
China Grove Circuit—Newton B. Young.
Franklinton Circuit—Thomas W. Adams.
Covington Mission—Henry P. Bowen.
Amite City Circuit—David P. Bradford.
Hammond Circuit—George W. Davidson.
Union Circuit—Thomas Price.
St. Helena Circuit—John W. Sandell.
Amite Circuit—John Ritchey.
East Baton Rouge Circuit—Parmenas Howard.
Meadville Circuit—Curtis D. Cecil, E. A. Flowers, supernumerary.
Homochitto Circuit—Ruffin Davis.
Monticello Mission—Erastus R. Strickland.

BROOKHAVEN DISTRICT—H. H. Montgomery, Presiding Elder.
Brookhaven Station—Hiram R. Singleton.
Beauregard Circuit—William E. Ballard.
Scotland Circuit—William Wadsworth.
Brandywine Circuit—Columbus W. Campbell.

Hazlehurst Station—James M. Weems.
Providence Circuit—Pinckney A. Johnston.
Zion Mission—Elisha F. Mullins.
Georgetown Circuit—Bascom T. Pearson and H. J. Harris.
Crystal Springs Station—Clarence J. Nugent.
Raymond Circuit—George F. Thompson.
Spring Ridge Circuit—James J. Smylie.
Whitworth Female College—Harvey F. Johnson, President.

Brandon District—Wm. B. Hines, Presiding Elder.
Brandon Station—William H. Leith.
Fannin Circuit—Walter W. Hurst.
Garlandsville Circuit—Thomas Cotton.
Raleigh Circuit—John H. Evans.
Trenton Circuit—Joseph B. K. Smith.
Strong River Mission—To be supplied.
Morton Circuit—John D. Hays, Charles Reed, J. N. Williams supernumerary.
Hillsborough Circuit—Lyman Carley.
Walnut Grove Circuit—Robert A. Sibley.
Centerville Circuit—John A. Vance.
Decatur Mission—Wm. W. Hopper.
Forest and Lake Circuit—Claiborne McDonald.

Meridian District—John A. Ellis Presiding Elder.
Meridian Station—Joshua T. Heard.
DeKalb Circuit—Andrew J. Coleman.
Spring Hill Circuit—James M. Gann.
Marion Circuit—John C. Brogan.
Enterprise Station—Ulysses B. Phillips.
Enterprise Circuit—Elias Burkhalter.
Chunkey Circuit—Thomas Y. Armstrong.
DeSoto Circuit—Alexander L. McBryde.
Shubuta Circuit—Thomas S. West.
Ellisville Mission—To be supplied by P. C. Wimbush.
Waynesboro Circuit—James McLaurin.
Wayne Circuit—Duncan A. Little.
Paulding Circuit—Jacob H. Holland.
East Mississippi Female College—J. W. Adkisson, President, John A. Ellis, Agent.

Sea Shore District—C. F. Gillispie, Presiding Elder.
Mt. Carmel Circuit—Henry Moore.
Westville Circuit—to be supplied by J. O. Napier.
Taylorsville Mission—C. R. Benson.
Rankin Circuit—Louis Kendall.
Columbia Circuit—To be supplied by W. J. Ball.
Pearlington Circuit—David A. Given.

Handsboro Mission—John A. Guice.
Ocean Springs Station—Robert B. Downer.
White Plains Circuit—Charles J. Phillips.
Black Creek Mission—To be supplied.
Enon Circuit—David Merchant.
East Pascagoula Circuit—Benjamin Jones.
Chickasaha and Green Mission—To be supplied by Sneed Gilmore.

SUPERANNUATED.—Wm Spillman, James Shanks, Joseph Nicholson, Andrew Day, John G. Jones, Thomas Clinton, Barnabas Pipkins, John B. Higginbotham, Wm. Finn, Henry Copeland, Levi Pearce, James Long, Wm. McCormick, Jesse McKay.

TRANSFERRED.—Epaphroditus W. Simmons, to the North West Texas Conference. Corydon Chamberlain, to Pacific Conference, and stationed at Sacramento City.

CONFERENCE STATISTICS.

	MEMBERS.				ADDIT'NS			SUNDAY SCHOOLS				Ch.
	LOCAL PREACHERS.	WHITES.....	COLORED.....	DEATHS.....	BY BAPTISM.....	PROFESSION.....	INFANTS.....	NUMBER.....	OFFICERS AND TEACHERS.	SCHOLARS.....	VOLUMES IN LIBRARY.	NUMBER.....
Jackson Station..	.....	218	...	4	7	23	17	1	21	158	1500	1
Brownsville	.....	236	...	5	13	35	19	3	30	175	250	3
Madison	2	78	...	2	4	5	4	2	11	38	100	4
Canton Station...	.....	148	1	3	5	10	14	1	20	120	504	1
Sharon	4	170	9	1	4	6	3	1	11	65	170	3
Camden.....	.....	97	2	.....	.....	5	3	2	12	50	100	2
Thomastown	2	155	...	4	4	7	3	1	5	20	50	3
Carthage	4	339	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Olivet.....	3	257	...	3	8	41	28	3	12	90	50	2
Dover	.....	139	...	3	.....	2	2	1	5	20	12	3
Yazoo City Stat'n	2	143	...	3	1	4	7	1	12	56	300	1
Yazoo Circuit.....	5	296	...	1	10	42	11	3	21	108	371	4
Total.....	22	2276	12	29	56	178	111	19	160	902	3507	27
VICKSBURG DIST.	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vicksburg Stat'n	1	206	...	2	6	11	12	1	24	100	675	1
Grove Street.....	.....	49	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
North Warren...	3	312	...	7	3	.....	2	3	12	70	312	4
Sunflower Miss'n	.....	20	...	.....	.....	2	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
South Warren.....	1	75	...	1	4	4	9	2	8	30	50	3
Cayuga	2	140	...	.....	4	.....	1	1	7	40	83	3
Rocky Springs...	.....	239	...	2	2	2	4	2	9	50	262	3
Port Gibson.....	.....	112	...	3	2	1	10	1	10	75	400	1
Fayette	3	310	...	2	10	12	6	5	15	53	400	4
Kingston	1	22	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Natchez.....	1	188	...	3	8	10	18	1	19	95	375	1
Clover Hill.....	.....	52	...	1	8	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rolling Fork.....	1	100	...	3	11	15	1	1	11	50	150	.....
Total.....	13	1825	...	24	58	67	73	17	115	553	2707	20
WOODVILLE DIST.	.....	1325	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Woodville Stat'n	.....	224	...	.....	.....	.....	7	1	12	57	250	1
Wilkinson,.....		236	...	3	25	34	10	2	6	35	200	4
Amite		352	...	.....	42	41	9	3	12	130	200	3
Buffalo	1	150	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jackson, La.....	6	179	...	1	.....	2	11	1	13	100	.....	2
East Feliciana...	1	260	...	3	15	27	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	5
Pipkin's Chapel..	.....	105	...	1	7	14	2	1	4	25	25	1
Clinton, La.....	1	72	1	.....	3	.....	15	1	16	95	200	1
E. Baton Rouge...	1	345	1	2	20	52	25	4	20	65	150	4
Meadville.....	3	325	...	8	25	12	15	4	19	56	300	4
Homochitto Miss	.....	121	...	.....	19	.....	2	2	4	45	30	4
Bayou Sara.....	2	177	...	3	3	6	15	3	12	46	150	4
Total.....	19	2546	2	21	159	188	125	22	118	644	1505	33
SUMMIT DISTRICT			...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Summit.....	1	66	...	1	20	25	.....	1	14	75	100	1
Holmesville.....	2	193	...	2	87	34	12	2	16	40	150	5
McComb City Mis	.....	112	...	.....	.....	8	7	3	15	115	150	3
St. Helena.....	2	260	1	2	10	20	35	3	12	50	100	3
Greensburg.....	.....	230	...	5	14	36	30	5	20	200	400	4
Union	2	304	...	4	2	6	4	2	12	70	70	5
Covington	1	177	...	.....	2	21	4	3	12	45	385	1
Franklinton	1	168	...	2	16	16	.....	4	8	60	100	1
Big Creek.....	.....	38	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	9	1548	1	16		166	92	23	109	655	1455	23

CHURCH PROPERTY				MONEY EXPENDED.			DISCIPLINARY COLLECTIONS.			
Edifices.	*Parsonages*						*Missions.*			
VALUE.....	NUMBER.....	VALUE.....	OTHER CHURCH PROPERTY	SALARIES OF OFFICERS.	FOR SUNDAY SCHOOLS.	BUILDING AND REPAIRING.	RAISED IN SUNDAY SCH'LS	IN CHURCHES...	CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.	BISHOPS.....
8500 00	1	2500 00	1000 00	1700 00	238 26	465 18	35 00	105 00	135 00	35 00
8000 00	...	.....	.....	775 00	87 00	65 00	35 00	.....	36 00	27 95
6500 00	1	1000 00	.....	887 00	40 00	144 00	.....	13 35	5 10	15 75
6000 00	1	1500 00	1000 00	1200 00	127 25	679 00	.....	100 00	51 00	47 43
2100 00	...	.....	.....	433 00	.....	.....	20 05	140 00	62 85	8 80
5000 00	1	500 00	....	645 70	13 00	8 82	.....	28 95	35 35	16 80
2000 00	...	.....	.....	167 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	10 35	15 46
.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1200 00	1	800 00	.....	340 60	22 00	.....	9 20	.....	.....	21 65
4000 00	1	400 00	4000 00	402 75	.....	.....	.....	11 00	4 00	.....
4500 00	1	2500 00	500 00	1100 00	40 00	.....	.....	18 95	44 05	7 25
6000 00	...	.....	.....	421 75	27 10	.....	4 80	5 20	14 45	21 65
53800 00	7	9200 00	6500 00	8073 80	605 11	13 62	105 05	522 45	398 15	217 74
.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
12000 00	1	6000 00	1000 00	1760 00	225 00	269 50	24 90	63 60	65 00	35 00
.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
3300 00	1	800 00	50 00	532 00	28 00	55 00	.....	14 00	75 00	23 70
.....	...	.....	16 00	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
4000 00	...	.....	50 00	447 00	25 00	200 00	.....	5 00	6 00	15 00
2000 00	...	.....	.....	407 85	.....	42 00	10 00	35 00	23 00	.....
3200 00	...	.....	150 00	546 50	11 80	60 0	.....	0 00	50 00	15 00
16000 00	1	2200 00	1060 00	942 00	10 00	700 00	17 00	30 75	38 35	20 00
4000 00	1	1000 00	500 00	716 00	35 0	8 00	5 00	.....	14 00	25 00
.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
22000 00	...	.....	1200 00	1130 00	102 00	828 00	30 65	66 86	77 75	35 00
.....	1	700 00	.....	680 00	....	735 00	.....	9 00	23 00	10 00
.....	...	.....	.....	554 60	48 55	.....	5 65	29 10	30 05	10 00
66500 00	5	10700 00	4026 00	7715 95	485 35	2197 50	93 20	263 30	402 15	188 70
.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
5000 00	1	2500 00	.....	850 00	.....	... .	.....	17 00	41 40	25 00
3500 0	1	1500 00	.....	400 55	12 00	.....	.....	27 45	27 45	13 35
3100 00	...	.....	.....	398 87	6 50	60 00	.....	10 25	8 05	9 75
.....	...	.....	... .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
6000 00	...	.....	200000 00	39 50	38 05	.....	.....	20 00	45 45	22 75
6800 00	...	.....	.....	460 00	.....	500 0	.....	31 80	30 25	9 00
1000 00	...	.....	... .	565 35	5 20	19 70	5 00	50 00	40 50	20 00
3000 00	1	2000 00	.....	625 00	35 00	.....	.....	15 00	15 00	.....
2000 00	...	.....	.....	379 55	.....	50 00	.....	6 80	24 60	8 50
1000 00	...	.....	.....	384 50	5 00	50 00	.....	.....	7 65	9 80
675 00	...	.....	.....	44 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....
3400 00	...	.....	.....	340 42	5 00	113 00	.....	6 00	15 00	8 20
35475 00	3	6000 00	200000 00	4889 99	106 75	792 70	5 00	184 30	257 35	126 40
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1500 00	1	700 00	.....	200 00	41 45	70 00	1 00	5 00	.....	5 00
4000 00	...	.....	.....	402 00	30 00	50 00	.....	28 50	32 00	15 00
800 00	...	.....	.....	216 35	9 00	.....	.....	9 00	.....	1 50
3000 00	...	.....	.....	248 50	10 00	.....	.....	3 50	3 50	15 00
4000 00	...	.....	200 00	548 75	.....	250 00	11 00	6 00	8 00	15 00
1800 00	...	.....	.....	200 90	11 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
500 00	...	.....	... .	158 85	.....	.....	.....	8 55	8 00	.....
200 00	...	.....	.....	350 00	15 00	.....	.....	.....	2 50	10 20
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15800 00	1	700 00	200 00	2324 45	116 45	370 00	12 00	54 55	54 00	61 70

	MEMBERS.				ADDIT'NS			SUNDAY SCHOOLS				Ch.
	LOCAL PREACHERS	WHITES	COLORED	DEATHS	BY BAPTISM	PROFESSION	INFANTS	NUMBER	OFFICERS AND TEACHERS.	SCHOLARS	VOLUMES IN LIBRARY.	NUMBER.
BROOKHAVEN DIST.												
Brookhaven	2	140		1	6	17		1	15	125	500	1
Bogue Chitto	5	208		4	12	16	11	4	19	80	160	4
Scotland		256		2	22	40	4	3	12	60	100	5
Brandywine	1	290		4	22	68	20	1	5	20	60	4
Crystal Springs	2	276		2	7	9	7	1	12	75	70	1
Terry		25		1								2
Hazlehurst	3	134			5	11	8	1	13	100	50	1
Zion	1	100		1	20	23	12	2	12	60	75	5
Georgetown	1	196		3	13	30	7	3	23	103	80	2
Providence	5	260			12	30	23	1	6	40	56	4
Raymond	1	219	1	1	11		31	3	40	265	567	4
Beauregard	1	183		5	18	29	3	2	14	85	100	3
Monticello	3	100						3	15	70	150	4
Total	25	2387	1	24	148	273	126	30	186	1088	1962	40
BRANDON DISTRICT.												
Brandon Station		130		1	9	47		1	20	65	350	1
Fannin	1	445		6	35	102	20	6	30	240	400	7
Garlandsville	1	316		5	15	55	24	3	15	100	60	4
Raleigh	1	295			10	20	3	1	5	20	25	4
Trenton	2	334		2	15	14	13	2	8	75	200	6
Morton		333		2	26	33	13	4	15	125	300	7
Philadelphia	1	301			16		10					5
Hillsboro	3	236		4	9	21	4	1	4	32	15	3
Walnut Grove	5	328		5	2	2	9	3	24	145	225	3
Centreville	7	285		3	14	15	8	2	10	75	30	1
Forest and Lake	1	312		1	17	57	11	3	18	110	160	4
Total	22	3315		29	168	366	115	26	149	987	1765	45
MERIDIAN DIST.												
Meridian Station	4	263			16		4	1	20	230	200	1
DeKalb	2	491		3	12	34	13	2	12	90	200	5
Clarke	4	488										
Spring Hill	3	485		3	25	50	24	3	15	75	100	7
Toomsuba & Marion	4	609		5	45	84	35	11	55	414	545	9
Enterprise Station		130		1	10	20	15	1	15	75	450	1
Enterprise Ct	3	309		2	42	73	27					10
DeSoto	2	313		2	21	43	13	2	8	81	64	5
Q'tman & Stonew'll	1	71		2	3	3		1	7	55	80	
Shubuta		121			8	15	4	1	12	65	134	1
Waynesboro	2	160		1	10	37	10	1	7	71	75	1
Wayne Ct	3	363			10	43	2	4	15	105		3
Paulding	4	435										
Total	32	4238		19	202	402	147	27	166	1848	1261	43
SEA SHORE DIST.												
Mt. Carmel	1	486										
Rankin	4	500		3	5	17	12					7
Columbia		175		4	3	2	3	1	4	15	75	1
Pearlington		101					7	1	13	78	162	2
Ocean Springs	2	115			2	18	4	2	14	75	800	3
White Plains	6	335	12	2	16	70	35	4	15	80	40	2
Enon	6	220		1	12	35	20	2	8	50		3
East Pascagoula	1	253		6	6	24	14	6	30	200	300	5
Chick' & Green Mis		269										
Taylorsville Mis'n												
Total	20	2454	12	16	44	166	95	16	84	498	1377	23

CHURCH PROPERTY.				MONEY EXPENDED.			DISCIPLINARY COLLECTIONS.			
Edifices.	*Parsonages..*						*Missions.*			
VALUE	NUMBER	VALUE	CHURCH PROPERTY OTHER	SALARIES OF MINISTERS.	FOR SUNDAY SCHOOLS.	BUILDING AND REPAIRING.	RAISED IN SUNDAY SCHLS	IN CHURCHES...	CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.	BISHOPS .....
.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
3500 00	1	1700 00	50000 00	811 00	.....	.....	.....	26 95	40 00	20 00
3200 00	....	.....	.....	376 00	27 00	400 00	.....	14 50	8 00	.....
3800 00	....	.....	.....	487 50	6 40	175 00	.....	22 75	26 65	9 20
3000 00	....	.....	.....	480 00	.....	.....	.....	21 25	38 50	15 00
2500 00	1	2000 00	.....	626 50	.....	50 00	.....	32 00	60 00	15 00
3000 00	....	.....	.....	10 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
4000 00	1	1800 00	.....	617 00	56 00	.....	.....	.....	19 30	8 80
5000 00	....	.....	.....	230 00	30 00	700 00	.....	.....	10 00	10 00
1000 00	....	.....	.....	639 25	38 00	225 00	.....	7 40	30 95	10 00
2000 00	1	200 00	....	500 00	5 00	.....	.....	66 00	60 00	17 50
9000 00	....	.....	.....	1025 00	17 00	400 00	21 00	9 00	35 00	20 00
3500 00	....	.....	.....	985 00	60 00	.....	.....	21 00	40 00	15 00
2000 00	....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
45200 00	7	5700 00	50000 00	6850 50	239 40	1950 00	21 00	259 35	367 90	140 50
.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
10000 00	....	.....	.....	1100 00	50 00	175 00	.....	30 00	45 00	20 00
2500 00	....	.....	.....	530 00	40 00	200 00	.....	12 00	18 00	9 65
4500 00	1	600 00	100 00	580 00	200 00	850 00	.....	13 25	10 00	11 15
1500 00	....	.....	.....	423 70	.....	.....	.....	5 10	10 00	10 65
3000 00	1	300 00	.....	264 73	4 55	260 00	.....	2 50	3 25	17 80
2650 00	....	.....	.....	343 30	.....	800 00	.....	5 30	5 85	12 25
900 00	....	.....	.....	272 70	.....	.....	.....	3 00	3 00	9 90
600 00	....	.....	.....	218 80	4 00	.....	.....	6 00	7 40	14 20
4800 00	1	500 00	.....	510 25	.....	15 00	.....	10 00	14 55	29 60
500 00	....	.....	25 00	500 00	8 00	.....	.....	5 00	5 00	.....
5400 00	....	.....	.....	447 00	12 50	860 00	.....	15 00	7 35	8 35
36050 00	3	1400 00	125 00	5190 48	319 05	3160 00	.....	107 15	129 40	143 75
.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2500 00	1	1500 00	8500 00	1235 00	120 00	.....	.....	19 75	24 75	30 29
3000 00	1	500 00	.....	400 00	....	75 00	.....	.....	26 55	23 80
.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 70	.....	.....
3200 00	1	500 00	.....	632 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 00	26 90
3000 00	....	.....	.....	478 70	20 00	.....	.....	37 00	30 00	13 95
2500 00	....	.....	.....	880 00	40 00	400 00	.....	30 00	18 00	20 00
1800 00	....	.....	.....	270 10	.....	.....	.....	20 00	12 60	13 00
2300 00	....	.....	.....	205 30	7 35	.....	.....	19 50	4 95	4 20
.....	....	....	.....	72 50	.....	.....	.....	6 55	.....	.....
1500 00	1	700 00	75 00	431 65	38 00	20 90	.....	3 55	13 00	11 45
1200 00	....	.....	.....	500 00	30 00	.....	23 80	17 20	40 00	21 60
1200 00	....	.....	.....	212 70	.....	.....	.....	29 15	10 35	15 55
.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 35	.....	.....
22200 00	4	3200 00	8575 00	5321 15	255 35	495 90	23 80	196 75	205 20	178 82
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.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1800 00	....	.....	.....	650 00	.....	300 00	.....	10 00	11 00	.....
500 00	....	.....	.....	44 50	5 00	.....	.....	90	.....	5 35
1000 00	....	.....	.....	410 50	.....	.....	.....	7 50	5 40	10 00
5500 00	....	.....	.....	600 00	120 00	650 00	.....	33 50	10 00	10 00
150 00	....	.....	.....	278 70	5 50	150 00	1 20	4 60	23 05	13 00
800 00	....	.....	.....	182 00	20 00	.....	.....	12 80	21 60	10 00
2500 00	1	1200 00	.....	639 65	60 00	35 00	1 50	23 50	26 68	16 10
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12250 00	1	1200 00	.....	2805 35	210 50	1135 00	2 70	62 80	97 73	64 45

RECAPITULATION.

DISTRICTS	MEMBERS			DEATHS	ADD'NS		INFANTS	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.				CHURCH PROPERTY		CHURCH PROPERTY.		MONEY EXPENDED.			DISCIPLINARY COLLECT'NS.			BISHOPS
												Ch. Edifices.		Parsonages.					Missions.			
	LOCAL PREACHERS.	WHITE	COLORED		BY BAPTISM	PROFESSIONS		NUMBER	OFFICERS AND TEACHERS.	SCHOLARS	IN LIBRARY. VOLUMES	NUMBER	VALUE	NUMBER	VALUE	OTHER CHURCH PROPERTY	SALARIES FOR MINISTERS.	FOR SUNDAY SCHOOLS	BUILDING AND REPAIRING.	RAISED IN SUNDAY SCH'LS	RAISED IN CHURCHES.	CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS.	
Jackson	22	2276	12	29	56	178	111	19	160	902	3507	27	53800 00	7	9200 00	6500 00	8073 00	605 10	1362 00	105 05	5 2 45	398 15	217 75
Vicksb'rg	13	1825	...	24	58	67	73	17	115	553	2707	20	66500 00	5	10700 00	4026 00	7715 95	485 35	2197 50	93 20	260 30	402 15	188 70
Woodville	19	2546	2	21	159	188	125	22	118	644	1505	32	35475 00	3	6000 00	200000 00	4840 00	106 75	792 70	5 00	184 30	257 35	126 40
Summit	9	1548	1	16	151	166	92	23	109	655	1455	23	15800 00	1	7000 00	200 00	2324 45	116 45	370 12	12 00	54 55	54 60	61 70
Brookhvn	25	2387	1	24	148	273	126	30	186	1083	1962	40	45200 00	4	5700 00	50000 00	6850 65	239 40	1950 00	21 00	259 35	367 90	140 50
Brandon	22	3315	...	29	168	366	115	26	149	987	1765	45	36050 00	3	1400 00	125 00	5190 48	319 05	3160 00	.....	107 15	129 40	143 75
Meridian	32	4238	...	19	202	402	147	27	166	1261	1848	43	22200 00	4	3200 00	85 75	5321 15	255 35	495 90	23 80	196 75	205 20	178 82
Sea Shore	20	2454	12	16	44	166	95	16	84	498	1377	23	12250 00	1	1200 00	.....	2805 35	210 50	1135 00	2 70	92 80	97 73	64 45
Grand T'l	165	20639	28	178	986	1806	884	180	1087	6583	16126	254	287275 00	28	44400 00	260936 75	43121 03	2337 95	11463 22	262 75	1677 65	1911 88	1122 02
T'l last Yr	161	19656	...	.....	1180	.....	1116	185	1184	7319	14308	288	329460 00	21	35050 00	271200 00	42474 20	3778 65	.....	.....	1589 70	1784 40	1412 70
Increase	4	983	28	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1818	.....	.....	7	9350 00	.....	646 83	.....	.....	.....	87 95	127 48	.....
Decrease	.....	.....	...	.....	194	.....	232	5	97	736	.....	34	42185 00	.....	.....	10263 75	.....	1440 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	290 63

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